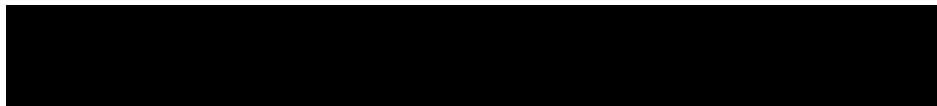


EXHIBIT 9



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-cv-00641-JRG-RSP

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD AND SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS
AMERICA, INC.'S SECOND AMENDED ANSWER AND DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF
HEADWATER RESEARCH LLC'S COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Defendants Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. ("SEC") and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. ("SEA") (collectively "Defendants" or "Samsung") respectfully submit this Second Amended Answer to Headwater Research LLC's ("Headwater") Complaint for Patent Infringement ("Complaint") filed on December 29, 2023. Samsung denies the allegations and characterizations in Headwater's Complaint unless expressly admitted in the following paragraphs, which correspond to the numbered paragraphs in the Complaint.

BACKGROUND¹

1. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to bring a patent infringement action for alleged infringement of United States Patent Nos. 8,588,110 ("the '110 patent"), 8,639,811 ("the '811 patent"), 9,179,359 ("the '359 patent"), and 9,647,918 ("the '918 patent") (collectively, the

¹ Samsung repeats the headings set forth in the Complaint to simplify comparison of the Complaint and this response. In doing so, Samsung makes no admissions regarding the substance of the headings or any other allegations of the Complaint. Unless otherwise stated, to the extent that a particular heading can be construed as an allegation, Samsung specifically denies all such allegations.

“Asserted Patents”). Samsung denies any remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint.

2. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

3. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

4. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

5. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

6. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

7. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

8. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

9. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

10. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

11. To the extent Paragraph 11 recites and implicates legal conclusions, no response is required. Samsung admits that certain mobile devices can be used for communication and

entertainment and can exchange data via wireless and cellular networks. Samsung denies any remaining allegations.

12. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

13. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

14. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

15. Denied.

NOTICE OF THE ASSERTED PATENTS

16. Denied.

17. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

18. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

19. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

20. Samsung admits that between 2013-2016, SEA worked with Sprint. Samsung further admits that in instances during 2013-2016, SEA interacted with ItsOn in relation to SEA's work with Sprint. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the allegations concerning work between Sprint and ItsOn and on that basis denies them. To the extent that Paragraph 20 alleges the Asserted Patents are valid, Samsung denies any such allegation. Samsung denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

21. Samsung admits that certain ItsOn software was installed on certain end user Samsung wireless devices sold by Sprint. To the extent that Paragraph 21 alleges the Asserted Patents are valid, Samsung denies any such allegation. Samsung denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 21 of the Complaint.

22. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

23. Samsung admits that in instances, SEA employees interacted with ItsOn employees concerning bugs in ItsOn technology. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 23 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

24. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

25. Samsung admits that in instances, SEA employees interacted with ItsOn employees concerning bugs in ItsOn technology. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

26. To the extent that Paragraph 26 alleges the Asserted Patents are valid, Samsung denies any such allegation. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of any remaining allegations in Paragraph 26 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

27. To the extent that Paragraph 27 alleges the Asserted Patents are valid, Samsung denies any such allegation. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a

belief about the truth of any remaining allegations in Paragraph 27 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

28. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 28 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

29. To the extent Paragraph 29 is purely argumentative and/or asserts legal conclusions, no response is required. Samsung denies any remaining allegations.

30. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

31. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 31 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

32. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 32 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

33. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 33 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

34. To the extent that Paragraph 34 alleges the Asserted Patents are valid, Samsung denies any such allegation. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of any remaining allegations in Paragraph 34 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

35. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 35 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

36. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 36 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

37. To the extent that Paragraph 37 alleges the Asserted Patents are valid, Samsung denies any such allegation. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of any remaining allegations in Paragraph 37 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

38. To the extent that Paragraph 38 alleges the Asserted Patents are valid, Samsung denies any such allegation. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of any remaining allegations in Paragraph 38 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

39. Samsung admits that it has released various devices since 2016 having beneficial features. Samsung denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 39 of the Complaint.

PLAINTIFF HEADWATER AND THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

40. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 40 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

41. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of U.S. Patent No. 8,588,110. Samsung admits that a purported copy of the '110 patent is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit 1. Samsung admits that Exhibit 1 bears the title "Verifiable device assisted service usage billing with integrated accounting, mediation accounting, and multi-account" and a "Date of Patent" of November 19, 2013. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 41 of the Complaint.

42. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of U.S. Patent No. 8,639,811. Samsung admits that a purported copy of the '811 patent is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit 2. Samsung admits that Exhibit 2 bears the title "Automated device provisioning and

activation” and a “Date of Patent” of January 28, 2014. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 42 of the Complaint.

43. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of U.S. Patent No. 9,179,359. Samsung admits that a purported copy of the ’359 patent is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit 3. Samsung admits that Exhibit 3 bears the title “Wireless end-user device with differentiated network access status for different device applications” and a “Date of Patent” of November 3, 2015. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 43 of the Complaint.

44. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of U.S. Patent No. 9,647,918. Samsung admits that a purported copy of the ’918 patent is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit 4. Samsung admits that Exhibit 4 bears the title “Mobile device and method attributing media services network usage to requesting application.” Samsung denies that the “Date of Patent” is May 5, 2017. Samsung further denies any remaining allegations of Paragraph 44 of the Complaint.

DEFENDANTS AND THE ACCUSED INSTRUMENTALITIES

45. Samsung admits that SEC is a corporation organized under the laws of the Republic of Korea with its principal place of business at 129 Samsung-Ro, Yeongtong-gu, Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do, 443-742, Republic of Korea. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 45 of the Complaint.

46. Samsung admits that SEA is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, with its principal place of business at 85 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660. Samsung admits that SEA is a wholly owned subsidiary of SEC. Samsung admits that SEA distributes certain Samsung consumer electronics products in the United States. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 46 of the Complaint.

47. Samsung admits that SEA has corporate offices at 6625 Excellence Way, Plano, Texas 75023. Samsung further admits that SEA may be served through CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3136. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 47 of the Complaint.

48. Samsung admits that Headwater, through its Complaint, accuses various Samsung mobile electronic devices of allegedly infringing the Asserted Patents. Samsung denies any alleged infringement. Samsung denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 48 of the Complaint.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

49. Samsung admits that the Complaint purports to set forth a claim for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. Samsung denies any allegations of infringement.

50. Samsung admits that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over actions for patent infringement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). Samsung denies that Headwater is entitled to any relief for its allegations of patent infringement, whether by award of damages, injunction, or otherwise. Samsung further denies any allegations of infringement.

51. Samsung does not contest, solely for the purpose of the present litigation, whether personal jurisdiction properly lies in this District. SEA admits that it engages in offering and selling certain products to customers in Texas. However, Samsung denies that it has committed acts of infringement in the Eastern District of Texas or elsewhere, or that it has committed any act, directly or indirectly, that would give rise to any cause of action under the Complaint. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 51 of the Complaint.

52. Denied.

53. Samsung does not contest, solely for the purposes of the present action, whether venue over them properly lies in this District. However, Samsung denies that venue in this District is convenient. Samsung admits that SEA has transacted business in this District but denies that Samsung has committed acts of infringement in this District or elsewhere in the State of Texas, or that it has committed any act, directly or indirectly, that would give rise to any cause of action under the Complaint in Paragraph 53.

54. Samsung admits that SEA has a place of business at 6625 Excellence Way, Plano, Texas 75023. Samsung denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 54 of the Complaint.

55. Samsung admits that SEC is a foreign corporation and that for purposes of this action only, and without waiving any defense of improper venue in connection with any other cause of action or claim, Samsung admits that the Complaint's alleged venue as to SEC is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c). Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 55 of the Complaint.

56. Samsung admits that in certain prior cases, based on the specific and unique facts of those cases, Samsung has either admitted or not contested proper venue in this District. Samsung denies any suggestion that this is a convenient forum to resolve this dispute. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 56 of the Complaint.

COUNT 1 – CLAIM FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE '110 PATENT

57. Samsung incorporates by reference its responses in the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated herein.

58. Samsung admits that Exhibit 1 bears the title “Verifiable device assisted service usage billing with integrated accounting, mediation accounting, and multi-account” and a “Date of Patent” of November 19, 2013. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 58 of the Complaint.

59. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of the '110 patent. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 59 of the Complaint.

60. To the extent paragraph 60 recites and implicates legal conclusions, no response is required. Samsung denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 60 of the Complaint.

61. Samsung denies any alleged infringement and denies that Headwater is entitled to damages. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 61 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

62. Denied.

63. Denied.

64. Samsung admits Headwater attaches an Exhibit 5 to its Complaint that purports to show alleged infringement of the '110 patent. Samsung denies any alleged infringement. Samsung denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 64 of the Complaint.

65. Denied.

66. Denied.

67. Denied.

68. Denied.

69. Denied.

70. Denied.

COUNT 2 – CLAIM FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE '811 PATENT

71. Samsung incorporates by reference its responses in the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated herein.

72. Samsung admits that Exhibit 2 bears the title “Automated device provisioning and activation” and a “Date of Patent” of January 28, 2014. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 72 of the Complaint.

73. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of the '811 patent. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 73 of the Complaint.

74. To the extent Paragraph 74 recites and implicates legal conclusions, no response is required. Samsung denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 74 of the Complaint.

75. Samsung denies any alleged infringement and denies that Headwater is entitled to damages. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 75 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

76. Denied.

77. Denied.

78. Samsung admits Headwater attaches an Exhibit 6 to its Complaint that purports to show alleged infringement of the '811 patent. Samsung denies any alleged infringement. Samsung further denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 78 of the Complaint.

79. Denied.

80. Denied.

81. Denied.

82. Denied.

83. Denied.

84. Denied.

COUNT 3 – CLAIM FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE '359 PATENT

85. Samsung incorporates by reference its responses in the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated herein.

86. Samsung admits that Exhibit 3 bears the title “Wireless end-user device with differentiated network access status for different device applications” and a “Date of Patent” of November 3, 2015. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 86 of the Complaint.

87. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of the '359 patent. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 87 of the Complaint.

88. To the extent paragraph 88 recites and implicates legal conclusions, no response is required. Samsung denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 88 of the Complaint.

89. Samsung denies any alleged infringement and denies that Headwater is entitled to damages. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 89 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

90. Denied.

91. Denied.

92. Samsung admits Headwater attaches an Exhibit 7 to its Complaint that purports to show alleged infringement of the '359 patent. Samsung denies any alleged infringement. Samsung further denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 92 of the Complaint.

93. Denied.

94. Denied.

95. Denied.

96. Denied.

97. Denied.

98. Denied.

COUNT 4 – CLAIM FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE '918 PATENT

99. Samsung incorporates by reference its responses in the preceding paragraphs as if fully stated herein.

100. Samsung admits that Exhibit 4 bears the title “Mobile device and method attributing media services network usage to requesting application” and a “Date of Patent” of May 9, 2017. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 100 of the Complaint.

101. Samsung admits that Headwater purports to be the owner of the '918 patent. Samsung denies any remaining allegations in Paragraph 101 of the Complaint.

102. To the extent Paragraph 102 recites and implicates legal conclusions, no response is required. Samsung denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 102 of the Complaint.

103. Samsung denies any alleged infringement and denies that Headwater is entitled to damages. Samsung is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 103 of the Complaint and therefore denies them.

104. Denied.

105. Denied.

106. Samsung admits Headwater attaches an Exhibit 8 to its Complaint that purports to show alleged infringement of the '918 patent. Samsung denies any alleged infringement. Samsung further denies all remaining allegations in Paragraph 106 of the Complaint.

107. Denied.

108. Denied.

109. Denied.

110. Denied.

111. Denied.

112. Denied.

JURY DEMAND

113. Samsung is not required to provide a response to Headwater's request for a trial by jury.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Samsung denies that Headwater is entitled to any relief it seeks in its Complaint.

GENERAL DENIAL

To the extent that any allegations of the Complaint have not been previously specifically admitted or denied, Samsung denies them.

SAMSUNG'S ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(c), Samsung, without waiver, limitation, or prejudice, hereby asserts the additional defenses listed below. Samsung reserves the right to amend this Answer to add additional defenses, including any other defenses currently unknown to Samsung, as they become known throughout the course of discovery in this action. Assertion of a defense is not a concession that Samsung has the burden of proving the matter asserted.

**FIRST ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(No Standing)**

Headwater Research LLC's claims are barred because it lacks standing to bring this suit.

First, Headwater Research LLC cannot prove that it is the rightful owner of the Asserted Patents or that it has joined all necessary parties. For example, Qualcomm is an owner or co-owner of the patents-in-suit at least because of its employment agreements with inventors Gregory Raleigh and/or Alireza Raissinia. *See, e.g., Headwater Research LLC v. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-00422-JRG-RSP, Dkt. No. 274 at 1 (E.D. Tex. May 28, 2024) ("*Headwater I*"). Dr. Raleigh admitted that he made the Headwater invention at Qualcomm, and Qualcomm has asserted ownership. *Id.* Indeed, while there are multiple reasons that the Asserted Patents were assigned to Qualcomm by virtue of the inventors' employment agreements with Qualcomm, Dr. Raleigh also

expressly admitted in a public video that he conceived of the Headwater inventions while at Qualcomm:

At Qualcomm, you know, one of the most innovative companies in the world, **I had this idea** that hey, um, the MIMO revolution will take place now, and it's in full swing, so the next step is operating systems technology to manage the way applications connect on these new smartphones, because without that there's going to be a disaster on the network. **I took it to the then CEO of Qualcomm**, again too far afield, Qualcomm is a chipset company, too risky, too disruptive, here's another idea for you, go run this new group that we're going to create for you over here that is closer to the technology that we do now. **So I left Qualcomm to start Headwater**, we developed that operating system technology, we distributed it to carriers, pitched it to OEMs, and it's now in every smartphone on the planet.

<https://vimeo.com/539945302>, dated April 21, 2021) at 46:00-46:51; *see also id.* at 30:00, 41:00 (introduction of panel and Dr. Raleigh).

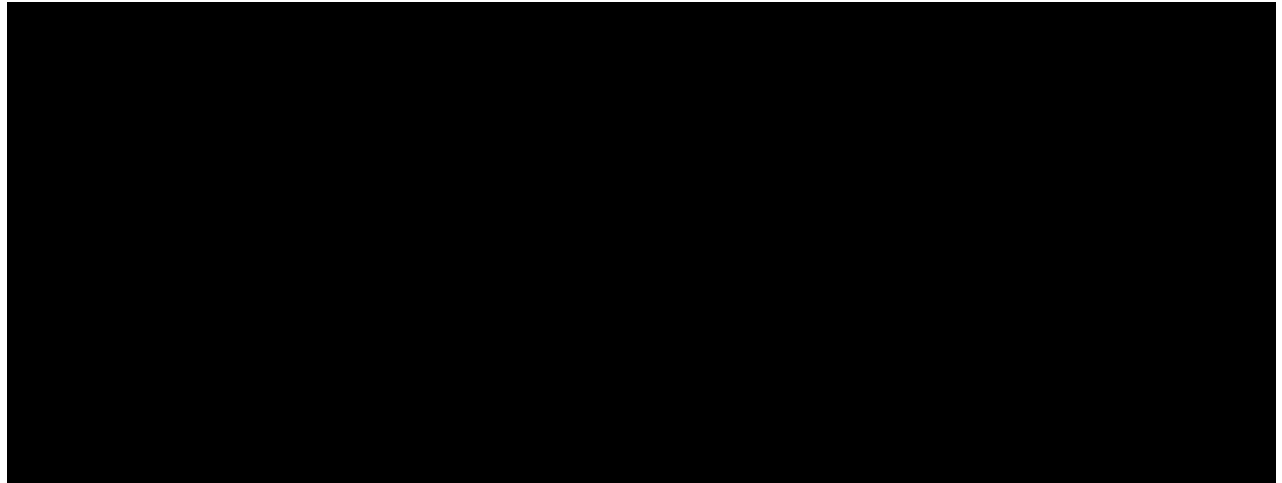
Headwater also no corroborating evidence to prove its conception date to meet its twin burdens of overcoming the presumption of Qualcomm ownership and of establishing standing.

Second, Headwater Research LLC lacks standing to bring this lawsuit because it lacks all substantial rights to the patents-in-suit. On information and belief, while named Plaintiff Headwater Research LLC is purportedly listed as the assignee on the patents-in-suit, it “lacks authority to make decisions concerning licensing and assignments, whether to initiate enforcement proceedings and/or settlement discussions, how to conduct litigation, and the approval of any settlements.” *Enhanced Sec. Rsch., LLC v. Juniper Networks, Inc.*, No. CIV.A. 09-871-JJF, 2010 WL 2898298, at *5 (D. Del. July 20, 2010). Named Plaintiff Headwater Research LLC appears to be nothing more than a shell patent-holding entity that currently employs two individuals: Gregory Raleigh and Jennifer Smith.² On information and belief, neither Dr. Raleigh nor Ms.

² On September 15, 2022, just one month before initiating its litigation campaign against Samsung, Headwater submitted filings to the Texas Secretary of State to convert Headwater Research LLC from a Delaware limited liability company to a Texas limited liability company. On information and belief, Headwater Research LLC employs just one individual in Texas, an operations manager,

Smith own or control Headwater Research LLC, nor are they familiar with Headwater Research LLC's corporate structure, their own organizational responsibilities, or the pleadings and/or discovery responses being served in various litigations initiated by Headwater Research LLC.

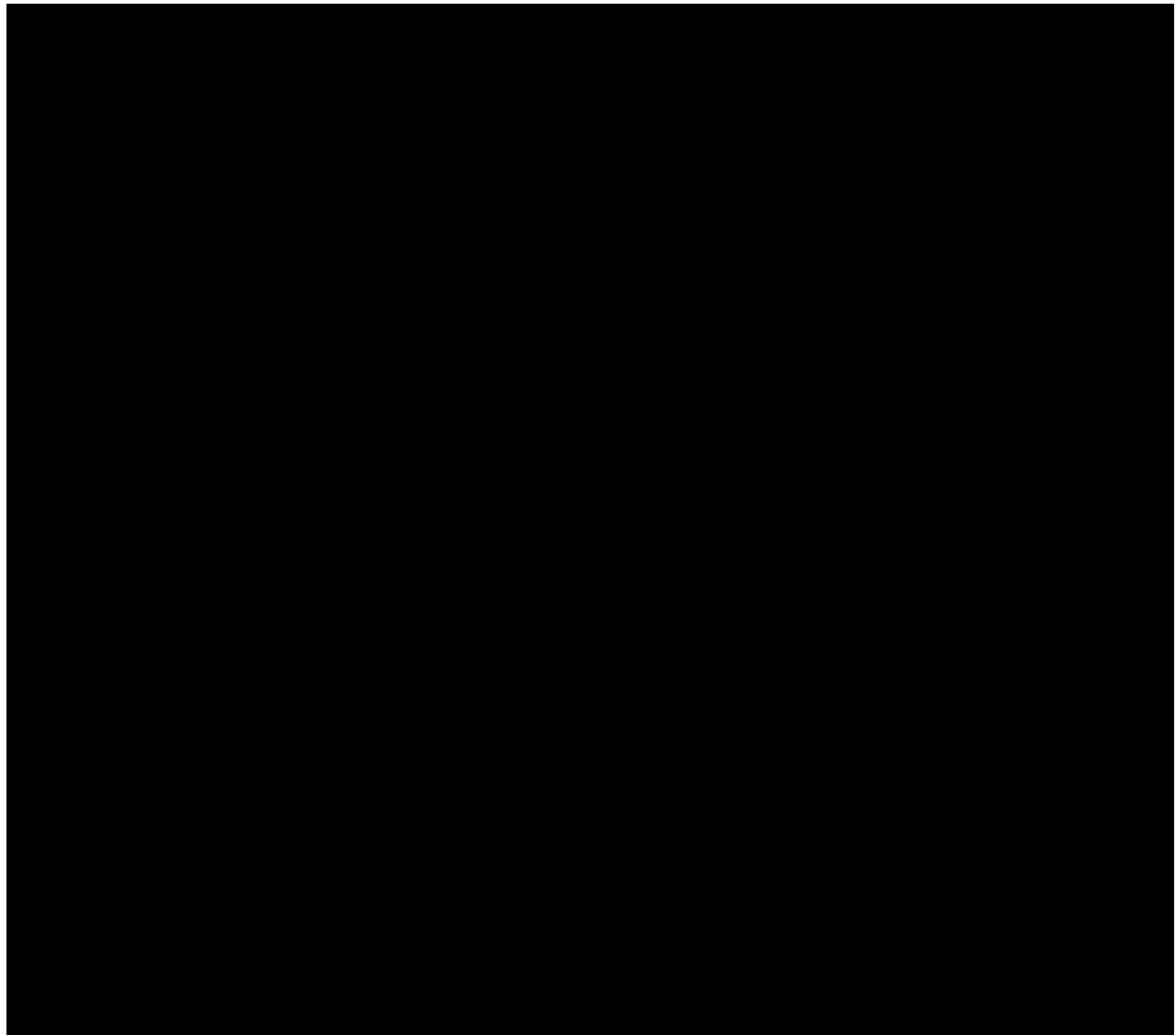
Rather, on information and belief, Dr. Raleigh and Ms. Smith report to a separate entity, [REDACTED], which, along with its Board, owns a controlling interest (i.e., 100% equity) in Headwater Research LLC.



While Gregory Raleigh and others (e.g., James Harris, Charles Giancarlo, and Roger Sippl) were formally listed as officers, directors, and members of Headwater Research in government filings (at least in filings submitted between 2018 and 2022), today Headwater Research's *only* remaining "member" is [REDACTED] who purportedly owns 100% of Headwater Research, is a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

at its office located at 110 North College Avenue, Suite 1116, Tyler, Texas 75702. On information and belief, Headwater Research LLC does not make any products, or perform any research at its Tyler office. On information and belief, Headwater Research only moved to Tyler, Texas from Delaware to try to create the appearance of a legitimate Eastern District presence. Headwater's corporate representative, Gregory Raleigh, for example, lives in Nevada, not Texas.



On information and belief, it is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Indeed, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated in filings to the Texas Secretary of State's Office that it engages in "Patent Licensing"—presumably licensing of Plaintiff Headwater Research's patents given that

[REDACTED] is not publicly listed as an assignee on *any* patents but instead purportedly owns 100% ownership interest in Headwater Research:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Application for Registration of a Foreign Limited Liability Company.

[REDACTED]—as the party that appears to be in control of Headwater Research’s patents and its power to settle and/or litigate this action—should have been, but was not, included as a party to this lawsuit. Fed. R. Civ. P. 17(a)(1).

[REDACTED] is a Delaware limited liability company [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] On information and belief, [REDACTED] was created for the sole purpose of insulating its Managers and Board Members—who have the power to make decisions concerning licensing and assignments, whether to initiate enforcement proceedings and/or settlement discussions, how to conduct litigation, and the approval of any settlements—from discovery. Specifically, on information and belief, [REDACTED] was created to exercise control over all of Headwater Research’s patents, litigation strategies, and positions while attempting to shield its own Managers and Board Members from discovery by initiating lawsuits only on behalf of its shell company, Headwater Research—whose two employees know little about the companies’ corporate structures, responsibilities, or relationships. On information and belief, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. For example:

11. The name and address of each governing person is:	
NAME OF GOVERNING PERSON (Enter the name of either an individual or an organization, but not both):	
IF INDIVIDUAL	
Jonathan S Kagan	

Headwater Innovations' Application for Registration of a Foreign Limited Liability Company.

I declare that the information in this document and any attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, as of the date below, and that a copy of this report has been mailed to each person named in this report who is an officer, director, member, general partner or manager and who is not currently employed by this or a related corporation, LLC, LP, PA or financial institution.			
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Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report for Headwater Innovations (2024).

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Rather, each individual appears to be operating [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] exercising authority and control over Headwater Research via their interests in, and control over, its parent company and the real party-in-interest to this litigation, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Demonstrating that [REDACTED] maintains substantial rights to the patents-in-suit, it was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Headwater Research in at least the following *inter partes* review proceedings associated with the Asserted Patents: IPR2024-01407 ('359 patent); IPR2024-01051 ('811 patent); IPR2024-01337 ('110 patent); IPR2024-01396 ('918 patent); IPR2024-01397 ('918 patent).

Finally, “[b]ecause Plaintiff lacked the requisite legal interest in the patents-in-suit at the time it brought this action, it has not suffered any cognizable injury and does not have Article III standing.” *Juniper Networks*, 2010 WL 2898298, at *5.

**SECOND ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Non-Infringement)**

Samsung does not and has not infringed, under any theory of infringement, (including directly (whether individually or jointly) or indirectly (whether contributorily or by inducement)), any valid and enforceable claim of the Asserted Patents, either literally or under the Doctrine of Equivalents, and has not committed any acts in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

**THIRD ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Invalidity)**

Each asserted claim of the Asserted Patents is invalid for failure to comply with one or more of the requirements of United States Code, Title 35, including without limitation, 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and 112, and the rules, regulations, and laws pertaining thereto.

One or more claims of the ’110 patent fail to meet the conditions of patentability and/or otherwise comply with one or more provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq., including §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

One or more claims of the ’811 patent fail to meet the conditions of patentability and/or otherwise comply with one or more provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq., including §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

One or more claims of the ’359 patent fail to meet the conditions of patentability and/or otherwise comply with one or more provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq., including §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

One or more claims of the '918 patent fail to meet the conditions of patentability and/or otherwise comply with one or more provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq., including §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

FOURTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Inequitable Conduct / Infectious Unenforceability)

The Asserted Patents are unenforceable due to the doctrines of inequitable conduct and infectious unenforceability because the patent applicant(s) knowingly and intentionally failed to disclose known bases for invalidity under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 103. *See, e.g.*, Samsung's Amended Answer and Defenses to Plaintiff Headwater Research LLC's Second Amended Complaint for Patent Infringement in *Headwater I*. *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 81 at 28-41. As detailed therein, the Asserted Patents are unenforceable at least because a named inventor and prosecuting attorney committed inequitable conduct in connection with the prosecution of the asserted patents in *Headwater I* by knowingly and intentionally failing to disclose known bases for invalidity under pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or § 103, with the intent to deceive the patent office. *Id.* Named inventors and prosecuting attorneys similarly committed inequitable conduct in connection with the prosecution of the Asserted Patents here by knowingly and intentionally failing to disclose known bases for invalidity, with the intent to deceive the patent office.

The inequitable conduct in connection with the prosecution of the asserted patents in *Headwater I*, and those asserted in this litigation, renders the Asserted Patents in this case unenforceable under the doctrines of inequitable conduct and infectious unenforceability. *See Eon Corp. IP Holdings, LLC v. T-Mobile USA, Inc.*, No. 6:10-CV-379-LED-JDL, 2011 WL 13134896, at *6 (E.D. Tex. Dec. 13, 2011) (“[I]nequitable conduct in the prosecution of a parent application may render the parent and its progeny unenforceable” (i.e., “infectious unenforceability”), report and recommendation adopted, No. 6:10-CV-379-LED-JDL, 2012 WL 12893881 (E.D. Tex. Jan.

18, 2012)); *Therasense, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson & Co.*, 649 F.3d 1276, 1288–89 (Fed. Cir. 2011) (“[T]he taint of a finding of inequitable conduct can spread from a single patent to render unenforceable other related patents and applications in the same technology family.”). Headwater’s deliberate omissions were material to patentability, made with the intent to deceive the patent examiner, and were justifiably relied upon by the examiner in ultimately issuing the Asserted Patents.

Prior to both the January 28, 2009 filing date of U.S. Patent Application No. 61/206,354 (“the ’354 Application”) and the May 25, 2010 filing date of U.S. Patent Application No. 61/348,022, (“the ’022 Application”) from which all of the Asserted Patents allegedly claim priority, a version of the Android mobile device operating system (“Android OS”) was released on September 23, 2008. Subsequently Android OS Version 1.1 was released on February 9, 2009, Android OS Version 1.5, also known as Cupcake, was released on April 27, 2009, Android OS Version 1.6, also known as “Donut,” was released on September 15, 2009, Android OS Versions 2.0, 2.0.1, and 2.1, collectively known as “Éclair,” were released on October 27, 2009, December 3, 2009, and January 11, 2010 (respectively), and Android OS Version 2.2, also known as “Froyo,” was released on May 20, 2010. Each of these versions of the Android OS were publicly distributed and widely disseminated before the filing of the ’354 and/or ’022 Applications. Indeed, the source code for many of these versions was publicly available on the Internet as part of the Android Open Source Project. This material system art, and its corresponding devices/documentation (including both patent and non-patent publications), is prior art under at least pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a) and (b). Such corresponding documentation includes at least a May 27, 2009 presentation by Google engineer Jeff Sharkey entitled “Coding for Life – Battery Life, That Is.” *See* Jeff Sharkey, “Coding for Life – Battery Life, That Is” (May 27, 2009); Jeff Sharkey, “Coding for Life – Battery

Life, That Is” YouTube Video (May 27, 2009), available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUemfrKe65c>.

As explained in more detail below, the Android OS, and material pertaining to the Android OS, was material to the later prosecution and examination of all Asserted Patents because it would have anticipated and/or rendered obvious all of the asserted claims. In addition, Headwater (whose managers include Jonathan Kagan), various of its employees, the inventors of the Asserted Patents, and the Asserted Patents’ prosecuting agent(s) knew about Android OS, and its related documentation, but failed to disclose this material prior art to the USPTO. Based on these facts, the most reasonable inference is that Headwater’s failure to disclose such material prior art during prosecution was an intentional fraud on the USPTO.

Each entity and person involved in the prosecution of the ’354 Application, the ’022 Application, and the Asserted Patents, including at least Headwater, whose Managers include(d) [REDACTED] and whose previous technical advisor was Cory Modlin, inventors Gregory Raleigh, Alireza Raissinia, and James Lavine, as well as their patent prosecution counsel, including at least James Harris, owed a duty of candor to the Examiner during the prosecutions of the ’354 Application, the ’022 Application, and the applications that ultimately issued as the Asserted Patents. On information and belief, each person involved in the prosecution of the ’354 Application, the ’022 Application, and the Asserted Patents knew of the Android OS, and related patent and non-patent literature, at the times of filing of the ’354 Application, the ’022 Application, and each of the Asserted Patents. For example:

Gregory Raleigh. Gregory Raleigh is the first named inventor on all 4 Asserted Patents, as well as the founder and Lead Director of the Board of Directors for Plaintiff Headwater Research LLC. On information and belief, Gregory Raleigh was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Gregory Raleigh admitted under oath that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Gregory Raleigh was fluent in a number of programming languages and developed his knowledge of the Android OS, whose source code was open to the public (e.g., the Android Open Source Project), via his own personal research into how the Android OS functions and via his team of Android OS software engineers, both before and during the prosecutions of the '354 Application, the '022 Application, and the applications that led to the Asserted Patents. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Gregory Raleigh's testimony also confirms that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gregory Raleigh further understood that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Despite Gregory Raleigh's extensive prior knowledge of the Android OS before the alleged priority dates of the Asserted Patents and belief that art related to the Android OS was relevant to the patentability of the applications that eventually led to the Asserted Patents—because such art was related to the claimed technology—he chose not to disclose any Android literature to the Patent Office when filing the '354 Application, the '022 Application, or the applications that led to the Asserted Patents.

Finally, after being extensively questioned during his deposition about his knowledge of the Android OS, Gregory Raleigh admitted to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Gregory Raleigh's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *See ReedHycalog UK, Ltd. V. Diamond Innovations Inc.*, No. 6:08-CV-325, 2010 WL 3238312, at *7 (E.D. Tex. Aug. 12, 2010) (finding counsel's conference with a witness "during a break in his deposition" and counsel's refusal to allow that witness to "answer questions about the discussion with counsel" to be both improper and an example of "litigation misconduct").

Based on all the foregoing, the single most reasonable inference able to be drawn is that Gregory Raleigh acted with the specific intent to deceive the Patent Office and that his failure to disclose such material prior art during prosecution was an intentional fraud on the USPTO. *Eon Corp.*, 2011 WL 13134896, at *3 (“[T]he specific intent to deceive must be ‘the single most reasonable inference able to be drawn.’” (quoting *Therasense*, 649 F.3d at 1290)). Any conclusory assertions that Gregory Raleigh never intended to withhold such material prior art are entitled to no weight. *See Praxair, Inc. v. ATMI, Inc.*, 543 F.3d 1306, 1317 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (finding conclusory statements that prosecuting attorney never “intentionally misled the United States Patent Office” and “did not knowingly withhold any information from the Patent and Trademark Office” to be “entitled to no weight”).

James Harris: James Harris, who previously served as Headwater’s General Counsel, acting CEO, and patent prosecution counsel of record for two of the four Asserted Patents, was also very familiar with Android OS both before and during the prosecution of the applications that led to the issuance of the Asserted Patents, recognized that the Android OS (and related literature) was both material and non-cumulative prior art, and was familiar with the duty to disclose such material prior art to the Patent Office but failed to do so.

During his November 27, 2023 deposition, James Harris:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

When prosecuting U.S. Patent No. 10,237,773 (“the ’773 Patent”), which relates to the Asserted Patents and which was first filed for on May 11, 2018, Mr. Harris included a citation to “Android Cupcake excerpts, The Android Open Source Project, Feb. 10, 2009.” *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 78-4 and 81-4 at p. 13. Though he failed to disclose this Android OS reference with respect to either of the 2 Asserted Patents he prosecuted on behalf of Headwater, Mr. Harris testified that he disclosed this reference—predating all Asserted Patents and the ’022 Application to which they allegedly claim priority—for the non-asserted but related ’773 Patent because it was potentially material and noncumulative. *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 78-3 and 81-3 at 167:2-168:16. In other words, Mr. Harris conceded the materiality and noncumulative nature of Android OS-related literature as prior art to the Asserted Patents.

Mr. Harris failed to disclose any Android OS literature to the Examiner when prosecuting U.S. Patent Nos. 9,647,918 and 9,179,359 despite: (1) being familiar with aspects of Android that were related to Headwater’s inventions; and (2) believing that Android OS literature was material and noncumulative of the art cited in the aforementioned Asserted Patents. *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 78-3 and 81-3 at 159:2-3. Based on all the foregoing, the single most reasonable inference able to be drawn is that James Harris similarly acted with the specific intent to deceive the Patent Office and that his failure to disclose such material prior art during prosecution was an intentional fraud on the USPTO. *See Eon Corp.*, 2011 WL 13134896, at *3. Any conclusory assertions that James Harris never intended to withhold such material prior art are entitled to no weight. *See Praxair*,

543 F.3d at 1317 (finding conclusory statements that prosecuting attorney never “intentionally misled the United States Patent Office” and “did not knowingly withhold any information from the Patent and Trademark Office” to be “entitled to no weight”).

On information and belief, Headwater and its Managers further knew that Android OS prior art was material to the validity of the Asserted Patents because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] after providing Headwater with certain Android OS prior art, including Mr. Sharkey’s May 27, 2010 presentation about the Android OS entitled “Coding for Life – Battery Life, That Is.” [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Samsung has identified the specific claim limitations to which such withheld Android OS prior art is relevant, and wherein the Android OS material information can be found in its Invalidity Contentions. As indicated therein, the following Android OS Versions (and publications relating to them) were publicly available, and widely known across the industry,⁴ before the filing of the ’354 and/or ’022 Applications to which all Asserted Patents attempt to claim priority:

⁴ Indeed, Mr. Harris expressly testified that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- Android 1.0 (released September 2008)
- Android 1.1 (released February 2009)
- Android Cupcake (1.5) (released April 2009)
- Android Donut (1.6) (released September 2009)
- Android Éclair (2.0, 2.0.2, 2.1) (released October 2009 – January 2010)
- Android Froyo (2.2) (released May 20, 2010)

The Examiner would have recognized that Android OS versions predating the Asserted Patents' alleged priority dates included files such as ConnectivityManager, ActivityManager, Activity, NetworkInfo, NetworkStateTracker, ThrottleManager, TrafficStats, ConnectivityManagerMobileTest, Socket, SocketTest, Power, PowerManager, PowerManagerTest, BatteryManager, and BatteryStats, which each disclose one or more claim limitations of the Asserted Patents (according to Headwater).⁵ Taken as a whole, the Android OS, and patent and non-patent literature describing the functionality of the Android OS (including the May 27, 2010 presentation by Jeff Sharkey), constitutes material prior art to the Asserted Patents because but for Headwater withholding it from the Patent Office, the Asserted Patents would not have issued.

Because of this fraud on the Patent Office, which is only exemplified by the above citations, Samsung respectfully requests that the Court render all Asserted Patents unenforceable due to inequitable conduct and/or infectious unenforceability. With respect to Samsung's defense of infectious unenforceability, an immediate and necessary relationship exists here between the enforcement of the claims of the Asserted Patents in this case and the asserted patents in *Headwater*

⁵ Remarkably, Headwater continues to accuse certain of these features in Android's open source code, which have been around since before the alleged priority dates of the Asserted Patents and thus throughout these prosecutions, of infringing the asserted claims.

I that were obtained via inequitable conduct as well as the '354 and '022 provisional applications that were obtained via inequitable conduct. All of the asserted patents in both cases allegedly claim priority to, *inter alia*, four provisional patent applications, i.e., provisional application No. 61/206,354, filed on January, 28, 2009; provisional application No. 61/206,944, filed on February 4, 2009; provisional application No. 61/207,393, filed on February 10, 2009; and provisional application No. 61/207,739, filed on February 13, 2009.

**FIFTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Damages and Costs)**

Headwater's claims for damages are statutorily limited or wholly barred under 35 U.S.C. § 286.

Headwater's claims for damages should also be limited by numerous valuations Headwater has put on its own business and/or patent portfolio. For example:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SIXTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Notice, Marking)

Headwater’s claims for damages are statutorily limited or wholly barred under 35 U.S.C. § 287.

Marking. Headwater alleges that the “ItsOn software,” “ItsOn solution/s,” and/or “ItsOn application” practiced the Asserted Patents. Headwater represents that products, purportedly including Samsung devices operating on the Sprint network, implementing the “ItsOn software,” “ItsOn solution/s,” and/or “ItsOn application” were sold and/or offered for sale at least between 2013 and 2017. Those products allegedly included at least the Samsung Grand Prime, the Samsung GS5 Sport, the Samsung GS5, the Samsung Note 4, Samsung Galaxy S3, Samsung Galaxy S4, Samsung Galaxy S5 Sport, Samsung Galaxy S3 T, Samsung Galaxy Tab 4, Samsung Galaxy Tab

⁶ Despite Headwater terminating [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], which then went bankrupt.

S, and Samsung Note Edge, among others. According to Dr. Gregory Raleigh, phones implementing the “ItsOn software,” “ItsOn solution/s,” and/or “ItsOn application” on the Sprint network were sold in that same time period. *Headwater I*, Dkt. Nos. 78-1 and 81-1 at 237:14-238:2. To the extent that Headwater claims ItsOn practiced the Asserted Patents, Headwater has failed to satisfy the marking requirement per 35 U.S.C. §287(a) with respect to at least Samsung devices (or any devices operating on the Sprint network) allegedly containing “ItsOn software,” “ItsOn solution/s,” and/or “ItsOn application,” including those specifically identified above.

Notice. Despite apparently contemplating suing Samsung since 2016-2018, Headwater did not provide actual or constructive notice of (1) the specifically Asserted Patent numbers (in writing or orally) or (2) any purported infringement of the Asserted Patents (in writing or orally) to Samsung prior to the filing of the Complaint in this litigation out of fear of *inter partes* review proceedings and declaratory judgment actions. *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 201 at 128:6-131:22. For example, in *Headwater I* (which was filed in October 2022), Headwater stipulated to the following:

Headwater stipulates that it did not directly identify to Samsung by patent number any specific Headwater patent prior to the filing of this action.

Headwater is not aware of Samsung having been given notice verbally by any person of any Asserted Patent number prior to the filing of this lawsuit.

No document produced in this case shows Headwater alleging that a specific Samsung product infringes a specific Headwater patent number before the Original Complaint.

Headwater I, Dkt. No. 351 at 124:9-20. Headwater similarly failed to identify to Samsung the specific Headwater patents being asserted in this litigation prior to the filing of this action.

SEVENTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE (Spoliation)

Headwater cannot demonstrate whether or not ItsOn practiced the Asserted Patents for purposes of infringement, validity, marking, secondary considerations, or allegations of copying,

among other things, and further committed inequitable conduct as discussed above, given that Headwater, its Managers [REDACTED], and its counsel engaged in “intentional” and “egregious violation[s]” of the Court’s Discovery Orders and spoliation with respect to ItsOn code (which on information and belief utilized various now-accused Android OS functionalities) and technical documents. *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 401.

In *Headwater I*, the Court noted that “[c]entral to Headwater’s Complaint is an allegation that Samsung copied ItsOn’s commercialization of the technology practicing the asserted patents.” *Id.* at 1. To defend against these allegations, “Samsung sought discovery of ItsOn’s source code and technical documents.” *Id.* It was “undisputed that Headwater and Headwater’s counsel knew of [their] existence and location.” *Id.* at 2. Specifically, Headwater knew they were located with

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. *Id.* at 1. Indeed, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Moreover, Headwater’s counsel, Mr. Mirzaie, stated to the Court on June 27, 2024 that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED];

Murphy Dep. Tr. at 177:21-178:20 (testifying that email to Headwater’s counsel related to whether “the assets [i.e., ItsOn source code] were – could be still for sale for purchase by [Headwater]”).

Despite knowing where ItsOn’s source code and technical documents were presumably located as of February 2023, and that “Samsung was actively seeking the ItsOn source code and technical documents,” *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 401 at 5, “Headwater failed to disclose the current

location and existence of the ItsOn source code,” *id.* at 2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *Id.* at 3. And Headwater’s 30(b)(6) witness—who on information and belief was designated to testify on Headwater’s behalf by its Managers—falsely stated under oath in November 2023 [REDACTED] that Headwater was “not sure” “what happened to ItsOn’s source code after it went out of business” five years earlier:

Q. After the ItsOn went out of business, what happened to its source code?

A. I’m not sure.

Q. Do you [know] what happened to ItsOn’s technical specifications?

A. Not sure.

Q. Who would know what happened to ItsOn’s source code after it went out of business?

A. I’m not sure. Perhaps –

Mr. Fenster: I’ll caution you not to speculate. If you have information, you may offer it.⁷

A. I’m not sure.

Q. What happened to the remainder of ItsOn’s documents when the company went out of business?

Mr. Fenster: Object to form.

A. Exactly what happened, I’m not sure.

⁷ While it is possible that Dr. Raleigh was originally going to truthfully answer Samsung’s counsel’s question about what happened to ItsOn’s source code, Headwater’s counsel’s interjection—in the middle of Dr. Raleigh’s answer—improperly warning him not to speculate caused Dr. Raleigh to cut short his response. *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 344 at 14:20-22 [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know whether any of ItsOn's technical specifications or source code still exist?

A. Not sure.

Headwater I, Dkt. No. 344 at 12:16-13:10. Headwater's testimony under oath about the ItsOn source code was false. Its attorneys' repeated representations to Samsung about the existence and location of ItsOn's source code were also false. And, as result, the Court found that Headwater (which appears to include at least Dr. Raleigh and [REDACTED] *and* its counsel, Russ August & Kabat, "committed an egregious violation of the Discovery Order":

Knowing that your adversary is repeatedly seeking documents (especially documents created by your client), knowing where those are (especially when knowing the name of the person possessing the document, who tells you he is willing and able to produce them), yet telling your adversary that what you've already given them is all that there are, is indefensible.

Headwater I, Dkt. No. 401 at 5. As noted by the Court, Headwater's discovery violations were "intentional" and "a significant sanction" was warranted. *Id.* at 6.

Headwater's discovery misconduct and spoliation did not stop there. After Headwater was forced to tell Samsung where the ItsOn source code was located (after Samsung filed a motion for spoliation-based sanctions), Samsung took discovery of individuals associated with the [REDACTED]. Samsung then discovered that former Headwater employees—including James Lavine (a named inventor on two of the four Asserted Patents)—gave the [REDACTED] passwords that could not access the source code files (i.e., incorrect passwords). This was confirmed by Bernie Murphy [REDACTED]—who testified in a deposition taken in *Headwater Research LLC v. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd, et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-00103-JRG-RSP ("*Headwater IP*") that the [REDACTED] received a "fob with a Post-it on it saying, Passwords" along with CDs that allegedly housed ItsOn's source code, and that those "passwords" did not work:

Q. ...[T]he password for the source codes were delivered to the Assignee on a fob with a Post-it on it saying, Passwords in a Ziploc bag with CDs, housing the files that I sent to you a screenshot of the other day. Do you see that writing?

A. Yes, I do.

Murphy Dep. Tr. at 88:6-12.

Q. ...And my understanding is, let me know if I'm wrong, this is a screenshot of the files that [REDACTED] possession but is unable to open due to password protection limitations. Is that fair?

A. I believe that is correct.

Id. at 89:1-7.

Q. Okay. And my understanding from your counsel is that the passwords that Mr. Lavine provided, [REDACTED] has them, has attempted to apply them to gain access to the files that are not opening, but they do not – they do not work in gaining such access. Is that right?

A. Yeah . . . the passwords that we apparently have do not work.

Murphy Dep. Tr. at 94:5-15.

Q. So with respect to the files that [REDACTED] says it made available to Samsung to inspect, those are password protected. Correct?

A. That's my understanding, the files that have not yet been reviewed.

Q. And [REDACTED] IT tried to access those files with passwords that it was provided and possesses. Isn't that right?

A. That's my understanding.

Q. Yeah. But [REDACTED], with those passwords in hand, could not access those files. Correct?

A. That's my understanding.

Q. So you don't have any working passwords to give to Samsung to look at these files in attempt to access them, do you?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Id. at 179:3-22. Headwater’s failure to preserve access to the ItsOn source code files was further confirmed by counsel for the [REDACTED], who informed Samsung that the “passwords provided” by Mr. Lavine after ItsOn Inc. went bankrupt were “not correct”:

The Assignee has confirmed that there are approximately 15 files/folders that we cannot access because they contain encrypted or password protected data. The Assignee has also confirmed that the encryption keys and the passwords provided at the initiation of the General Assignment are not correct. Many attempts were made to no avail. Accordingly the Assignee is blocked from accessing any of this information in these blocked folders which includes the source codes, and has no means of producing that information.

Murphy Dep. Ex. 6 at 7.

On information and belief, Headwater was in discussions with at least the [REDACTED] law firms about suing Samsung for alleged patent infringement in the [REDACTED]. *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 201 at 128:6-131:22; *Headwater I*, Dkt. No. 344 at [REDACTED]. Headwater thus anticipated litigation with Samsung—knowing full well that ItsOn’s source code and technical documentation would be relevant—before ItsOn went bankrupt at the beginning of 2018. Yet, on information and belief, Headwater—despite having control over the ItsOn code and other relevant ItsOn ESI—never sent/issued a litigation hold and allowed the source code and other ESI to go into receivership with the [REDACTED] for liquidation, failed to provide the [REDACTED] with passwords to access any of the ItsOn source code files, and has been either unable or unwilling to provide the requisite passwords in the various Headwater/Samsung litigations that have taken place since that time. Source code files that cannot be accessed are akin to source code files that no longer exist, and Headwater’s failure to maintain such material evidence despite indisputably anticipating litigation against Samsung is spoliation.

EIGHTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Laches, Equitable Estoppel, Waiver, and/or Unclean Hands)

Headwater's attempted enforcement of the Asserted Patents against Samsung is barred by laches, equitable estoppel, waiver, acquiescence, and/or unclean hands.

NINTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Prosecution History Estoppel and/or Disclaimer)

Headwater's claims are barred by the doctrine(s) of prosecution history estoppel and/or disclaimer based on statements, representations, and admissions made during prosecution of the patent applications resulting in the Asserted Patents.

TENTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Covenant Not to Sue, License, and/or Estoppel)

Headwater's claims are barred to the extent the alleged infringement is licensed, either expressly or impliedly, or otherwise authorized. Moreover, Headwater's claims are barred because it entered an agreement providing Samsung the protection of a covenant not to sue, a license (express or implied), and/or agreement (contractual or otherwise) that legally estops Headwater from bringing this lawsuit against Samsung.

ELEVENTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Failure to State a Claim)

Headwater's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

TWELFTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
(Prosecution Laches)

Headwater's Asserted Patents issued after an unreasonable, inexcusable, and prejudicial delay amounting to an egregious misuse of the statutory patent system under the totality of the circumstances. Thus, the Asserted Patents are unenforceable under the doctrine of prosecution laches.

The Federal Circuit has explained that “the doctrine of prosecution laches places an additional, equitable restriction on patent prosecution conduct beyond those imposed by statute or PTO regulation,” and that “[a]n applicant must therefore not only comply with the statutory requirements and PTO regulations but must also prosecute its applications in an equitable way that avoids unreasonable, unexplained delay that prejudices others.” *Hyatt v. Hirshfield*, 998 F.3d 1347, 1366 (Fed. Cir. 2021).

Headwater chose to pursue a “shoot first, aim later” strategy in prosecuting each of the Asserted Patents as well as dozens of related patents. Headwater filed the provisional application from which the Asserted Patents allegedly claim priority, U.S. Patent Application No. 61/206,354 (“the ’354 Application”), on January 28, 2009, but it did not file applications for the Asserted Patents until many years later, ranging from more than three years to more than seven years of delay.

Headwater’s unreasonable delays are inexcusable. Samsung has been prejudiced insofar as it has invested in, worked with, and used the technology that is now being accused of infringing the Asserted Patents during the time in which Headwater delayed its prosecution. The features accused of infringing the Asserted Patents are primarily part of the Android operating system (“Android OS”) employed by Samsung’s accused products. While Samsung was investing significant time and expense integrating the Android OS into its mobile devices, Headwater was serially prosecuting the claims it now asserts.

THIRTEENTH ADDITIONAL DEFENSE (Incorrect Inventorship)

On information and belief, and subject to further amendment as Samsung obtains more information during discovery, one or more of the asserted patents are invalid and/or unenforceable

because the named inventor(s) did not invent the subject matter claimed in the patent and/or because an inventor(s) was omitted from the patent.

According to named inventor, James Lavine, [REDACTED].
[REDACTED]. *See, e.g.*, Lavine Dep. Tr. (2/13/25). On information and belief, this practice resulted in the omission of one or more inventors from one or more of the asserted patents. For example, the '918 patent identifies Gregory Raleigh, Jeffery Green, James Lavine, and Vien-Phuong Nguyen as named inventors, but Mr. Nguyen testified that other ItsOn engineers, including at least Nathan Hunsberger and James Fitzgerald, contributed to the ideas described in the '918 patent yet were not listed as inventors. *See, e.g.*, Nguyen Dep. Tr. (2/7/25). On information and belief, the other asserted patents suffer from the same or similar deficiencies. For example, Mr. Lavine testified that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. *See, e.g.*, Lavine Dep. Tr.

(2/13/25). Despite these contributions, Dr. Raleigh is listed as the sole named inventor of the '110 patent. Mr. Nguyen also testified that ItsOn engineers, including himself, Nathan Hunsberger, and Lisa Stark, worked on technology relating to network policies, which are relevant to at least the claims of the asserted '110, '811, and '359 patents. *See, e.g.*, Nguyen Dep. Tr. (2/7/25). Despite these contributions at ItsOn, none of Mr. Nguyen, Nathan Hunsberger, nor Lisa Stark are listed as inventors on the '110, '811, or '359 patents.

In addition, one or more of the asserted patents is invalid and/or unenforceable because named inventor Gregory Raleigh did not invent, either alone or in conjunction with other parties, the subject matter claimed in the patents. Testimony from named inventors and former ItsOn and

Headwater employees, [REDACTED] and Mr. Raissinia, confirms that Dr. Raleigh was never part of any engineering team at ItsOn, never worked as an engineer at ItsOn, and never developed any ItsOn product. *See, e.g.,* [REDACTED]; Raissina Dep. Tr. (2/14/25). In addition, Mr. Nguyen was unable to identify any specific contribution of Gregory Raleigh to the ideas described in the '918 patent despite Dr. Raleigh being listed as an inventor. *See, e.g.,* Nguyen Dep. Tr. (2/7/25).

RESERVATION OF ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

Samsung reserves the right to assert additional defenses that may surface through discovery in this action.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendants demand a jury trial on all issues that may be so tried.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Samsung respectfully prays that this Court enter judgment in Samsung's favor against Headwater and requests the following relief.

- A. A complete denial of Headwater's requests for damages, costs, expenses, injunction, and any other form of relief;
- B. Dismissal with prejudice of all claims in Headwater's Complaint against Samsung;
- C. A permanent injunction restraining Headwater and its respective officers, partners, employees, agents, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and any other persons acting on its behalf or in concert with it, from charging, suing or threatening, orally or in writing, that any of the Asserted Patents have been infringed by Samsung under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 or 281;

- D. A declaration that this is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Samsung its reasonable costs and expenses of litigation, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and expert witness fees;
- E. An award to Samsung of its costs and disbursements in defending in this action brought by Headwater; and
- F. An award to Samsung of any and all further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: February 24, 2025

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